

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Wally Herger was applauded recently by the organization U.S. Border Control for supporting legislation to strengthen border security and enhance border enforcement. U.S. Border Control, an organization that educates the public about positions taken by members of Congress relating to border security and other immigration policies, recognized Herger as a member of its "Hall of Fame for the 109th Congress." Herger made the following comment regarding his support for border security and border enforcement legislation:

"I strongly believe border security is a national security issue," Herger stated. "For this reason, one of my highest priorities is to promote and pass legislation to help our nation gain firmer control of our borders. This year Congress has taken important steps toward accomplishing this goal by passing legislation authorizing seven hundred miles of new double fencing to help keep illegal immigrants out, more Border Patrol agents, and stiff criminal penalties against individuals who construct unauthorized tunnels along the U.S.-Mexico border."

"Still, more work remains in our efforts to gain control of the border," continued Herger.

"I will continue to support legislation that would increase Border Patrol presence, expand technology used to monitor and identify illegal immigrants attempting to cross the border, and equip law enforcement with the tools they need to enforce our immigration laws."

"I will also work in strong support of a temporary legal worker program to help Northern California agriculture and other industries flourish. Such a program would allow individuals currently not in the United States to legally come to our nation for a limited time, work, and then return home. By strengthening border security and establishing an efficient and effective temporary legal worker program, our nation would take leaps toward having an immigration policy that upholds the rule of law while providing the workforce agriculture needs," concluded Herger.